

JKAP-8th Battalion organises plantation drive



SSP Suram Singh Commandant JKAP-8th Bn planting a sapling.

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MIRAN SAHIB: In order to keep environment neat and clean in and around the Battalion Campus JKAP-8th Battalion Miran Sahib Jammu, a plantation drive was carried out under the overall supervision of Suram Singh-JKPS (SSP) Commandant JKAP-8th Battalion Miran Sahib Jammu. During the course of plantation drive

at least 400 plants of different kinds were planted by the officers and other Jawans of the Battalion. While speaking on this occasion COJKAP-8th Bn emphasized about the need of prevention of Environment and Ecosystem. He also laid emphasis on conservation of natural resources in order to ensure transformation of legacy to future generations. During the

course stress was given to keep environment neat and clean to prevent the society from different kinds of illness. He said on the occasion that to be without trees would in the most literal way to be without our roots because trees give peace to the soul of human beings. The unit has taken several initiatives towards keeping the campus green and clean and is highly committed towards protecting the natural environment.

At the end all participants were directed to take such initiatives at their home level too and plant different kind of trees so that we can save our environment and side by side we can save our future. Among others Bhupinder Singh -Dy.SP (Adjutant), Manzoor Hussain-Dy.SP, Pankaj Kumar-Dy.SP & Pardeep Kumar -Dy.SP were also present at the occasion.

Faculty from IIT Delhi delivers Lecture at School of Biotechnology, SMVDU



Prof Ashok Srivastava from IIT Delhi, delivering a lecture at SMVDU.

Biotechnology, IIT Delhi for almost 30 years. He is an eminent scholar and recipient of several awards & scholarships; National Overseas Scholarship award of MHRD, New Delhi for Ph.D. studies (1985-1990), UNESCO fellowship award (6 months) Delft University, The Netherlands, "Biotechnology Overseas Associate ship" Germany & New Zealand to name a few. During his talk, he highlighted the significance of process parameter optimization, such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and agitation, in enhancing microbial growth and product formation. He deliberated on how process opti-

mization is important to streamline operations and maximize resource utilization in project management to improve overall output, waste reduction, and minimization of errors.

He elucidated how simulation can be used for designing and modelling of indigenous bioreactors for maximizing yields. The audience actively participated with their view points and doubts which were appreciated by the speaker for their relevance and enthusiasm. He also appreciated the efforts of the Department, which is going in the right direction towards achieving excellence with the

kind of achievements it has attained in its short span in terms of research publications and presentations made by the student and scholars during his visit to the various labs. Dr. Raju Shankarayan, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, formally introduced the guest speaker who had been his mentor and Professor at DBEB, IIT Delhi during his Ph.D. programme at IIT Delhi. All the DYD, Undergraduate, Postgraduate students, Ph.D. Scholars and Faculty Members of Biotechnology, were greatly benefited from the lecture and the display of Virtual Labs he

has created at IIT Delhi. The event concluded with the vote of thanks given by Dr. Sharada Potukuchi, Associate Professor, School of Biotechnology which was made possible by the financial assistance granted under DBT PG Teaching Program (Project RP-132) coordinated by her. She also thanked Dr. Ratna Chandra, Head, Biotechnology; Dr. Sunil Kumar Wanchoo, Dean, Faculty of Sciences who facilitated administratively for conduct of the Lecture. Honourable Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Pragati Kumar congratulated the organizing team and emphasized upon conduct of such lectures by eminent experts in future also for the benefit of the students. The School of SoBT regularly organizes expert lectures and workshops in leading research and technology areas to ensure that the students of B.Tech, B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs are kept abreast of the latest research in the field of Biotechnology under various externally funded schemes.

SKUAST-J organizes two days Training cum Awareness camp

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REASI: The team of Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, SKUAST-Jammu, under the bene-faction of Professor B. N. Tripathi, Honorable Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, under the supervision of Dr S. K. Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu, the division of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, R. S. Pura, Jammu organized "Training cum Awareness camp w. e. f 2nd to 3rd August 2024 for

Villages Barakh, Dehote and Kotla, district Reasi. Day one of the camps was organized at Barakh, followed by Dehote and Kotla on day two (Tuesday). The camp was held under the DBT, Government of India project entitled "Socio-Economic Upliftment of Poor Farmers through Animal Husbandry using Scientific Interventions in Jammu Province" under the purview of SKUAST-Jammu. Sardar Gurudev Singh, Progressive farmer from Barakh, welcomed the team. The PI, Dr Nrip

Kishore Pankaj informed the villagers about the project and the very aim of the camp.

Three scientists were available during the camp to interact with the farmers. Dr S. R. Upadhyay, Professor, Veterinary Medicine, F.V.Sc & A.H, SKUAST-J, R. S. Pura, talked with the farmers of Barakh, Dehote, and Kotla about general management-associated diseases among cattle and buffaloes including goats. Farmers raised the issues of mastitis among milch cattle. Dr Upadhyay mentioned vari-

ous managerial errors that lead to mastitis among the cows. He also spoke about many health issues that are associated with endoparasites and ectoparasites which should be considered during the management of the livestock. Further, Dr Upadhyay prompted the farmers for regular timely vaccination to their livestock against infectious diseases like FMD, HS, BQ etc.

Dr. Sharad Kumar, Professor, Veterinary Gynecology and Obstetrics, F.V.Sc & A.H, SKUAST-J, R. S. Pura, talked to the local farmers later. Farmers showed concerns about anestrus, and repeat breeding among the animals. Dr Sharad encouraged the farmers to go for balanced nutrition and parasitic control, as these are the menace, that make animals struggle with productivity and reproductivity-related issues.

Dr. N. K. Pankaj, PI & Professor & Head, Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology F.V.Sc & A.H, SKUAST-J, R. S. Pura, talked of the toxic-

ties of toxic fodder and measures to avoid such a scenario. He also apprised the farmers about poisonous weeds like Gajargansh, Panchfoolbuti, jangli pudina etc. He also stated that backyard poultry, cattle, and goat farming can be profitable if considered entrepreneurship by local folks'.

The local folks were happy about the camp and valued the regular visit of the scientists from SKUAST-Jammu to Bharakh, Dehote, Kotla, Reasi, Jammu.

Sardar Gurudev Singh, a Progressive farmer, Bharakh acknowledged the event and requested more such events including clinical camps in the future. He also expressed gratitude for the regular visits of the team from SKUAST-J, R. S. Pura, Jammu.

Vaishno Devi, Panch at Dehote, and Asha Devi at Kotla also appreciated the regular visits in terms of training and clinical camps of the scientists of SKUAST-Jammu. PI also visited the beneficiaries' residences in their respective villages.

All India Kshatriya Mahasabha calls upon industrialists to invest in Jammu

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JAMMU: The meeting of the All India Kshatriya Mahasabha's Executive Committee in Mumbai was marked by high-profile participation and a robust exchange of ideas.

The event, presided over by National President Kunwar Harivansh Singh, garnered congratulatory messages from prominent figures such as Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Notable attendees included Raja Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, former Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, and several other royals and legislators.

Union Minister Narayan Rane emphasized the proud warrior heritage of the Kshatriya community while urging a critical reassessment of its present economic role and social responsibilities. He highlighted the need for improved educational opportunities for underprivileged members of the community to enhance their contribution to the

nation's economy.

National General Secretary Kuldeep Singh Raja highlighted a significant development in Jammu and Kashmir: a historic rise in tourism following the abrogation of Article 370. This surge has led to economic growth and job creation in the region. Raja called upon industrialists to invest in Jammu and encouraged the Rajput community to play an active role in the state's progress.

Dr. Kunwar Harivansh Singh proposed several key initiatives, including immediate action on the land allocation for the Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhavan in Maharashtra; establishing welfare initiatives for the Kshatriya community; enacting a law to safeguard innocents under the Harijan Act and making advanced forensic tests mandatory; declaring India a Hindu nation; abolishing caste-based political reservations, with a shift to economic criteria for reservations; nomination of a Kshatriya representative to the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple

Trust; declaring the Bhagavad Gita as the national scripture; allocating land in Lucknow for a Maharana Pratap Bhavan research institute; prompt commencement of construction at Krishna Janmabhoomi; encouraging construction in Mathura similar to Ayodhya and other cities; fresh delimitation for 131 Lok Sabha and 1,225 Assembly constituencies; awarding the Bharat Ratna to General Bipin Rawat and honoring other martyrs; conducting student union elections in educational institutions nationwide; preventing distortion of historical figures and maintaining the law of equality under Article 14; organizing an international conference to promote youth employment and investment; and establishing an agricultural university in Jaunpur with Chief Minister Yogi Ji's support.

These proposals reflect a blend of socio-economic reforms and cultural initiatives aimed at bolstering the community's influence and addressing broader national issues.

DIG JSK Range visits remote area of Akhnoor/Chowki Choura, reviews security arrangements



DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma during visit to remote area of Akhnoor.

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AKHNOOR: The Dy. Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range (JSK) Range, Sh. Shiv Kumar Sharma-IPS visited remote area of Akhnoor and Chowki Choura convened a meeting with regard to preparation of security arrangements for forthcoming Assembly Elections as well as present security scenario in Akhnoor, Chowki Choura area. The meeting was attended by SP Rural Jammu, SDPO Akhnoor, SHO Akhnoor and IC PP

Chowki Choura of District Jammu. DIG JSK Range interacted Paramilitary forces deployed for security duty and briefed them regarding nature of duty, motivated them for full co-operation from J&K Police. He also inspected the accommodation arrangements of the Security forces and listen their problems and assured them to fulfil in time bound manner.

The officers were directed to enhance surveillance by maintaining area domination, strengthening Nakas and

remain extra vigil in the area in view of recent terrorist attacks. The DIG JSK Range underscored the importance of vigilance on suspicious persons to thwart the evil designs of anti-national elements and maintain a peaceful environment in view of forthcoming Assembly elections.

In view of the security arrangements of forthcoming Assembly Elections, necessary guidelines were given to the territorial officers to make full proof arrangements during the election campaign. He also took the stock of Assembly Elections preparedness in Remote Polling Station i.e Govt. Higher Secondary School Chowki Choura, covering all aspects.

During his visit DIG JSK Range interacted with general public of the area and listen their problems and urged them to report any suspicious or terrorist activity in nearest Police Station immediately and assured them to provide proper co-operation from J&K Police.

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BASOHLI: Col Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman of Kathua, today paid heartfelt tributes to Shaheed Mast Ram, a valiant soldier who laid down his life in the 1965 Indo-Pak war, at his memorial in Mandla Village near Basohli. The solemn event was attended by dignitaries, local leaders, and residents who gathered to honor the supreme sacrifice of the war hero.

Accompanying Col Mahan Singh were Th. Darshan Singh, BJP candidate for the Basohli Assembly Constituency,



Col Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua and others paying tributes to Shaheed Mast Ram.

and Sardar Harjinder Singh Thekedar, MLA from Amritsar South. Also in attendance were prominent veterans of the armed forces, including Capt. Harnam Singh, Capt. Yubkaran Singh, and

Capt. Nek Ram, along with DDC Member Tajinder Goldy and other local leaders.

Speaking at the memorial, Col Mahan Singh praised the unparalleled bravery and sacrifice of

Shaheed Mast Ram. "It is because of the courage and selflessness of brave soldiers like Shaheed Mast Ram that we enjoy peace and security today. His heroic deeds will continue to inspire generations," he said, adding that the nation is forever indebted to the martyrs who gave their lives for its freedom and dignity.

The event also saw the participation of Vidya Devi, the Veer Nari (war widow), and the family of Amar Shaheed Mast Ram, who were honored for their immeasurable sacrifice. Col Mahan Singh commended their strength and

resilience, stating, "The families of our martyrs are the backbone of our nation, and their sacrifice is equally commendable."

Col Mahan Singh reiterated his commitment to supporting the families of martyrs and strengthening the nation's security. The tribute served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by soldiers for the nation's peace and sovereignty.

The programme concluded with a community Langar organized to serve the villagers and attendees, fostering a spirit of unity and remembrance.

NC always remain on forefront in ensuring equitable development of J&K: Bimla Luthra

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UDHAMPUR: Bimla Luthra, former MLA and State Vice President of the Women Wing, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), chaired a women's convention at Village Badali, District Udhampur.

The event was organized as part of the party's preparations for the ensuing Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

A large number of women from various parts of the district attended the convention,



Bimla Luthra, former MLA speaking at women's convention.

demonstrating their support for the National Conference.

In her address, Bimla Luthra threw light on the key achievements of the National Conference during its regimes in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

She emphasized that the National Conference has always worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people, with a particular focus on the upliftment of women.

"The National Conference has been at the forefront of ensuring equitable development in Jammu and Kashmir. It is the only party that can address the unique needs and aspira-

tions of our people," Luthra remarked.

"Our manifesto reflects our deep commitment to the women of Jammu and Kashmir: We are pledging Rs 5,000 for the elderly female of each household of EWS, Provide 1 lakh jobs for the J&K Youths, 200 free electricity units for domestic consumption, free travel for women in state transport, and One LPG cylinders per month to each households of EWS," she added.

Sunil Verma District President Udhampur Urban highlighted various initiatives launched during the National

Conference's tenure, benefiting women and the wider population.

He expressed confidence that only the National Conference can lead Jammu and Kashmir towards a prosperous and peaceful future. He also outlined key promises made in the party's manifesto for the upcoming polls, which include significant provisions for the empowerment of women.

Joginder Kour, District Vice President Jammu Urban Women wing JKNC urged the people to support and vote for National Conference candidates in the upcoming Assembly elections, with an aim to bring positive change and ensure that the party's pro-people policies are implemented.

Among those who were present, Gurmeet Singh, Amarnath, Capt Rattan Singh, Mannohan Verma, Ch Abdul Rashid, Capt Nand Lal Verma, Ashok Sharma, Akash Verma, Mohini Devi, Razia Akhtar and Savitri Devi.

Five-day-long skill training started at Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar

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HIRANAGAR: GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar organized Skill/Vocational training on Vermicomposting in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua, Directorate of Extension S h e r e - K a s h m i r University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. The training began on Tuesday. Total number of fifty students got themselves registered for the training.

The resource people were Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist and head KVK Kathua and Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief Scientist (Plant pathology) KVK Kathua. On the first day of the training, registration of the participants was done.

Dr. Vishal Mahajan elaborated the students about



Resource person Dr. Vishal Mahajan speaking at a programme.

organic farming, purpose of vermicomposting and advantages of vermicompost through a very interesting PPT presentation. He also inspired the students to start vermicomposting as an enterprise and assured all possible help to the budding entrepreneurs.

The Department donated a Vermibed of 3600 X

1200 X 600 dimension to the college for establishing a Vermibed in the coming days of the training.

Amit from KVK also motivated the students by sharing his personal success story in the field.

Principal of the College Dr. Pragma Khanna also inspired the students to start vermicomposting alongside their studies as

most of the students belong to Agricultural background and hence can avail this opportunity. She also apprised the students of other skill training, workshops and lectures organized by the college from time to time under IIC for making the students skilled.

The faculty members who graced the occasion with their benign presence were Prof. Bindu Sharma, Dr. Poonam Kamotra, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma, Dr. Punam Rani, Prof. Shapia Shammeem, Prof. Ganga Sharma and Prof. Raman Kumar.

The proceedings of the programme were run by Prof. Rakesh Sharma HOD Deptt. of Hindi and Prof. Neeru Sharma HOD Environmental Sciences presented the formal vote of thanks.

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